tion to provide air-conditioning has been received.

(d) and (e) The need for additional accommodation for this purpose in the Naval HQ was finalised during Feb. 83. As regards the purchase of land, the question of the permanent location of this office is under consideration.

Sanctions against Sri Lanka

1407. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA; Will the Ministe$_r$ of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to sta'^e:

(a) whether Oovernment'$_s$ attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Time$_s$ of India of 15th March, 1986 under the caption "Sanctions against Lanka sought";

(b) whether any communication/ memorandum has been received by Government in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the contents thereof and what action has been taken by Government; $_{Qn}$d

(d) what proposals arc being con sidered to solve the Sri Lanka issue by Government?

THE MUNISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

Ob) Yes, Sir. A Memorandum. has been received by Government from j the leaders of the opposition parties. The Memorandum states that Government should "think of economic measures against Sri Lanka if the negotiations do not lead to a political settlement".

(c) Government has taken note of this Memorandum.

(d) Certain proposals for devolu tion °f power to appropriate units like Provincial Councils have been put forward by the Government of Sri Lanka. These proposals are intended to be discussed with the representatives of the Sri Lanka Tamils

1408. *[Transferred to the 5thMay,* 1986].

Modification of date of birth of Gov eminent servants recorded in servic(books

1409. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: SHRI SUDHAKAR PANDEY SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER b< pleased to sta'e:

(a) whether it is a fact that the date of birfh as recorded in the servio book of a Government servant on th£ basis of High School or Highei Secondary certificate $_C$an be modifie< on the basis of the documentar; evidence on ex+ract$_s$ from Birtl Register maintained by the Municipality, local body or other concernet authority as stipulated i$_n$ the relevan rules;

(b) if so, what are the details there of;

(c) whether in such cases Govern ment propose to allow such Government servants to change their date of birth on the basis of certificate on the birth register of the Municipal records; and

(d) if so, what are the instructions issued to the Ministries/VDepart-ments in thi$_s$ regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Instructions relating to alteration of date of birth recorded in the service book of a government servant are given in a Note below Fundamental Rule 56 and alteration can be made with the sanction of the government subject to fulfilment of th?

ditions prescribed therein. The details .in thi$_s$ regard ar$_e$ indicated the statement enclosed, *(see below)* . ^cqprding to these instructions, alteration of date of birth recorded in I

ice book of a government servant on the basis of High School or Higher Secondary certificate i$_s$ allowed sub-

uently on the basis of documentary evidence of extract from Birtb Register Subject to hi$_s$ fulfilling the conditions prescribed therein.

Statement

Note 5 below Fundamental Rules iSti—

"Note 5—the date on which a Government servant attains the age of fifty-eight years or sixty years, as the case may be, shall be determined with reference to the date of birth declared by the Government servant at the time of appointment and accepted by the appropriate authority on production, as far as possible, of confirmatory documentary evidence such as High School or Higher Secondary or Secondary School Certificate or extracts from Birth Register. The date of birth so declared by Government servant and accepted by the appropriate authority shall not be subject to any alteration except as specified in this note. An alteration of date of birth of a Government servant can be made with the sanction of a Ministry or Department of the Central Government, or the Comptroller and Auditor General in regard to persons serving in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department, or an administrator of an Union Territory under which the Government servant is serving, if—

(a) a request in this regard is made within five years of his entry into Government oervice;

(b) it is clearly established that a genuine bonafide mistake f$^{}$nas occurred; and

(<c) the date of birth so altered would not make him ineligible tc appear in any School or University or Union Public Service Commission examination in which he had appeared, or for entry into Government service on th$_e$ date on which he first appeared at such examination or on the date on which he entered Government service."

Electronic Policy

1410. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will toe PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the Hindustan Times of 5th April, 1986 under the caption 'Government ready to modify electronic policy', if so, what are the details thereof; .

(b) whether Government have considered the suggestion as to how best the change in electronic policy would help in optimising the productivity in key sectors viz., agriculture, industry, transport, communication services etc,; and

(c) if so, by when the new electronic policy is likely to be framed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIV RAJ PATIL):

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Secretary, Department of Electronics in a FICCI — sponsored India—Japan syposium on electronics, had stated that the main objective of Government of India in promoting the growth of electronics in the country was to increase productivity, in all the key